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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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For: NETWORK ADAPTOR DRIVER  
WITH DESTINATION BASED  
ORDERING

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 5, line 31, change "Figure 3" to --Figure 4--.

Page 8, at the end of line 37, add the following sentence:

--Fig. 5 is a block diagram of a host with an adaptor driver according to an embodiment of the invention showing two example destination-based ordering schemes according to embodiments of the invention.--

Page 11, after line 33, add the following paragraph:

--It is also possible that an adaptor driver according to the invention may include a programmable scheme which may take into account differences in speed and performance paths to particular destinations to maximize network parallelism.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Amended) A network adaptor driver comprising:  
an interface for receiving data [from a host], said data received for a plurality of destinations, wherein data for a particular destination is received having a particular relationship among individual data units;

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